

REMARKS

Claims 21, 22, and 25-43 are present. Claims 21, 22, 25, 30-33, 37-40, and 42 have been amended; and Claim 43 has been added to more clearly and accurately define patentable subject matter.

The specification has been amended to make the language thereof clearer and more succinctly define patentable subject matter.

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, Applicant is reviewing the claim for priority, drawings, appendices, and information disclosure statement. Applicant anticipates submitting a supplementary amendment with appropriate information, as required.

Applicant respectfully submits that there is antecedent basis for use of the game being a simulated game, a simulated hockey game, or a video game in the parent patent, which overcomes the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph of Claims 26-28, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, and 42. Applicant, however, has amended the Specification to reflect this.

Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph of Claims 21, 22, and 25-42.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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21. (Amended) [In a] A converting device for converting a box score [in] of a hockey game [eventually] to [final] statistics [relative to composite power play, composite penalty efficiency, two-player power play, two-player penalty efficiency, major power play, major penalty efficiency, composite hot seat, hot seat two-player disadvantage, hot seat major disadvantage, or earned goal average, and wherein said final statistics are, in turn, obtainable] from intermediate [statistical] data. [the improvement being wherein said intermediate statistical data are identifiable by a combination of respective characters within, and are routable to a calculating means so as to obtain statistics therefrom,] comprising [in combination]:

[converting means] a device for obtaining said intermediate [statistical] data from said box score, [said converting device including] comprising:

[a database for storing said box score; and]

means for converting said box score to said intermediate data, comprising accrued time and goals scored during power plays of opposing teams; and

[storage means for storing said accrued time and goals scored in an intermediate statistical database]

calculating means for obtaining said statistics from said intermediate data.

22. (Twice Amended) The device according to claim 21, wherein said converting means [further] comprises a timer.

25. (Twice Amended) A converting device for converting a box score [in] of a sports game [into] to [final] statistics, [wherein during] said sports game comprising at least one portion [of said sports game] comprising at least one team [has] having at least a one player advantage over at least one other team, [wherein said final statistics are obtained from intermediate statistical data, which is routed to calculating means for obtaining said final statistics therefrom,] comprising [in combination]:

a device [converting means] for obtaining [said] intermediate [statistical] data from said box score, comprising:

[a converting device, which comprises:]

[a database for storing said box score;]

means for converting said box score to said intermediate data,

comprising accrued time and goals scored during said at least one portion; and

[storage means for storing said intermediate statistical data, comprising said accrued time and said goals scored in an intermediate statistical database; and]

[said] calculating means for obtaining said [final] statistics [therefrom] from said intermediate [statistical] data.

30. (Amended) The device according to claim 25, wherein said device converts said box score into said [final] statistics in real time.

31. (Amended) The device according to claim 25, wherein said device [further] comprises a display.

32. (Amended) The device according to claim 25, wherein said box score is obtained during at least one of: any time during said sports game; the end of said sports game; after said sports game; before, at any time during, at the end of, and/or after more than one said sports game, wherein said box score is converted into said [final] statistics, based upon a cumulative said box score from said more than one sports game and/or any additional portion thereof.

33. (Amended) A converting device for converting a [at least one] box score [in] of a sports game [into] to statistics, [wherein during] said sports game comprising at least one portion [of said sports game] comprising at least one team [has] having at least a one player advantage over at least one other team, comprising:

a device [converting means] for obtaining intermediate [statistical] data from said [at least one] box score, comprising:

[a converting device, which comprises:]

a database for storing said box score,

means for converting said [at least one] box score to said intermediate [statistical] data, comprising accrued time and goals scored during said at least one portion, and

means for storing said intermediate data; and

calculating means for obtaining said statistics [therefrom] from said intermediate [statistical] data.

37. (Amended) The device according to claim 33, wherein said [at least one] box score comprises at least one of: goals; goals for; all goals against; power play goals for; power play goals against; penalties for; penalties against; shots on goal for; shots on goal against; starting players (goaltenders); scoring; final score; all goaltending changes (if any); minor penalty; two-player penalty; major penalty; goaltenders total time played; total shots faced; total goals against; name of team; player; period and real time of occurrence, which created official time-out; total power play goals; total power play goals for; total power play opportunities for; total power play goals against; total power play opportunities against; and combination of at least any two thereof.

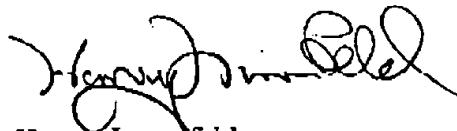
38. (Amended) The device according to claim 33, wherein said statistics comprise at least one of: composite power play; composite penalty efficiency; two-player power play; two-player penalty efficiency; major power play; major penalty efficiency; composite hot seat; hot seat two-player disadvantage; hot seat major disadvantage; earned goal average; and combination of at least any two thereof.

39. (Amended) The device according to claim 33, wherein said device converts said [at least one] box score into said statistics in real time.

40. (Amended) The device according to claim 33, wherein said device [further] comprises a display.

42. (Amended) The device according to claim 33, wherein said [at least one] box score is obtained during at least one of: any time during said sports game; the end of said sports game; after said sports game; before, at any time during, at the end of, and/or after more than one said sports game, wherein said at least one box score is converted into said final statistics, based upon a cumulative said at least one box score from said more than one sports game and/or any additional portion thereof.

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